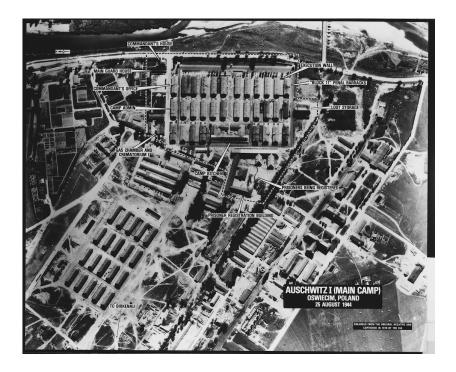


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## **Holocaust Remembrance Day**

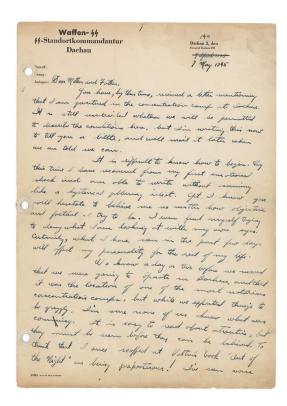
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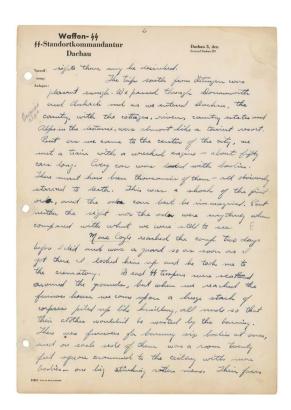


Auschwitz I (Main Camp) - Oswiecim, Poland, 8/25/1944. From the series: <u>Aerial Photography of Auschwitz Concentration Camp</u>. Records of the Central Intelligence Agency, 1894 - 2002. <u>National Archives Identifier 305899</u>

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Letter to Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Porter, 5/7/1945 describing the concentration camp at Dachau, Germany. <u>National Archives Identifier 1055429</u>

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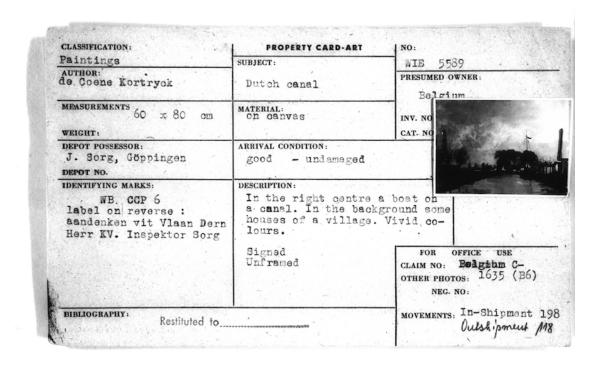
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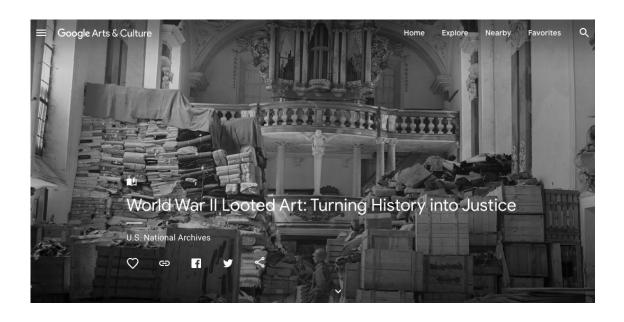


Master Sergeant Harold Maus of Scranton, PA is pictured with the Durer engraving, found among other art treasures at Merker, 5/13/1945. <u>National Archives Identifier 5757194</u>



"A priceless original Rembrandt, self portrait, is inspected by (left to right): Lt. Dale V. Ford and Tec 4 Harry L. Ettlinger. Lt. Ford is a resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan, while Tec 4 Ettinger hails from Irvington, New Jersey. Hielbronn." 5/3/1946. <a href="National Archives Identifier 176250354">National Archives Identifier 176250354</a>

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